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SUBJ: VISIT OF DEPSEC ROBINSON: BRIEFING PAPER - U.S. MILITARY  
ASSISTANT PROGRAM

1. THE JUSMAG-PHILIPPINES MISSION IS TO PLAN, PROGRAM,  
AND MONITOR MILITARY MATERIEL AND TRAINING ASSISTANCE TO  
THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP). IT HAS AN  
AUTHORIZED STRENGTH OF 30 OFFICERS AND 9 ENLISTED PERSONNEL  
WHO ARE ACTIVE THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES WITH THE EXCEPTION  
OF COMBAT AREAS FROM WHICH PERSONNEL ARE PROHIBITED.

2. PROGRAM LEVELS ARE AS FOLLOWS (FIGURES IN \$ MILLION):

|          | 1969-75 | 1976 | 1977    | 1978-81 |
|----------|---------|------|---------|---------|
|          | AVERAGE |      | AVERAGE |         |
| MATERIEL | 15.4    | 18.7 | 19.6    | 22.8    |
| TRAINING | 1.0     | .7   | .6      | .4      |
| SUBTOTAL | 16.4    | 19.4 | 20.2    | 23.2    |
| FMS      | 1.8     | 17.4 | 20.4    | 20.6    |
| TOTAL    | 18.2    | 36.8 | 40.2    | 43.8    |

FIGURES FOR FY 1978-81 ARE ILLUSTRATIVE AND WILL BE AFFECTED  
BY OUTCOME OF BASES NEGOTIATIONS.

SPECIFIC AREAS OF INTEREST

3. GOP ACQUISITION OF F-5E'S

A. BACKGROUND - IN MAY 1976, PRESIDENT MARCOS DIRECTED THE  
MINISTRY OF DEFENSE TO REQUEST THE USG FOR A LETTER OF OFFER/  
ACCEPTANCE (LOA) FOR ELEVEN F5E'S (APPROXIMATE COST \$60 MILLION).

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HE ASKED THAT FMS BE USED FOR FINANCING. THE

EMBASSY FORWARDED THE REQUEST TO WASHINGTON ON JUNE 8 AND IT RECEIVED DEPARTMENT APPROVAL ON JULY 28. AT THE SAME TIME, JUSMAG SUBMITTED TO USAF A CHECKLIST ON CONFIGURATION, TRAINING, LOGISTICAL SUPPORT, ETC., ON WHICH TO BASE THE LOA.

B. CURRENT STATUS - USAF IS COLLECTING DATA FOR LOA AND EVERYTHING APPEARS TO BE GOING SMOOTHLY AND ON TIME. THE PACKAGE REQUESTED WAS FOR ELEVEN BASIC CONFIGURED AIRCRAFT, AND ONE YEAR OF PARTS SUPPORT, TECHNICAL SUPPORT, AND MAINTENANCE/PILOT TRAINING. NORTHROP HAS MADE VARIOUS TECHNICAL PRESENTATIONS TO THE PHILIPPINE AIR FORCE (PAF) AND HAS PROVIDED INFORMAL PRICE ESTIMATES.

C. PROBLEMS - THE GOP WANTS THE ENTIRE PACKAGE FINANCED BY FMS, BUT FY 76-78 FUNDS MAY BE INSUFFICIENT FOR THIS PURPOSE. THE PAF ALSO WANTS SPECIAL CONFIGURATION WHICH WILL BOOST PRICE CONSIDERABLY. FINALLY, PAF WANTS THE MAVERICK MISSILE (ELECTRO-OPTICAL GUIDANCE) WITH ITS HIGH TECHNOLOGY, WHICH WOULD REQUIRE SPECIAL WASHINGTON APPROVAL, SEPARATE FROM F-5E PURCHASE ITSELF.

#### 4. T-28 AIRCRAFT

A. BACKGROUND: THE GOP HAS RECEIVED AN EXCESS MAP PROPERTY 60 T-28 AIRCRAFT WHICH BECAME AVAILABLE FROM LAOS AND CAMBODIA. THE PAF HAS ASSEMBLED 17 AND PLACED THEM IN OPERATION, AND A MAP FUNDED CONTRACT HAS BEEN AWARDED TO PHILIPPINE AIR LINES (PAL) TO REHABILITATE 20 MORE. THE CONTRACT IS FOR ONE YEAR AND WILL COST \$750,000.00.

B. CURRENT STATUS: CONTRACT WAS AWARDED TO PAL ON JULY 26; WORK WILL BEGIN IN AUGUST AND SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY AUGUST 1977. AFTER COMPLETION, THE PAF WILL HAVE 51 OPERATIONAL T-28D AIRCRAFT.

#### 5. C-130 AIRCRAFT

A. BACKGROUND: THROUGH THE USE OF FMS, THE GOP HAS PURCHASED TWO C-130H AIRCRAFT FROM LOCKHEED. DELIVERY IS TO BE IN NOVEMBER 1976 AND MARCH 1977 AT A COST OF \$17.4 MILLION.

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MILLION. IN JULY 1976, THE GOP ASKED INFORMALLY IF THE CONTRACT MIGHT BE CANCELLED IN ORDER TO FREE FMS FOR THE F5E'S. JUSMAG ADVISED AGAINST THIS ACTION FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

- (1) NEED TO MODERNIZE MILITARY AIRLIFT CAPABILITY;
- (2) FMS APPROVED FOR PURCHASE OF C-130 NOT F-5E;
- (3) PENALTY FOR CANCELLING C-130 CONTRACT; AND

(4) POSSIBLE LOSS OF FY 75 FMS IF C-130 CANCELLED AND  
F5E NOT APPROVED.

B. CURRENT STATUS: INDICATIONS ARE THAT THE GOP HAS  
RETHOUGHT ITS PROPOSAL AND WILL NOT CANCEL. C-130 AIRCRAFT  
DELIVERY APPEARS TO BE ON SCHEDULE (NOVEMBER 1976).

#### 6. PHILIPPINE NAVY SHIP ACQUISITION

A. BACKGROUND - CURRENT ACQUISITION PROGRAM BEGAN ABOUT  
18 MONTHS AGO AND WILL RESULT IN APPROXIMATELY DOUBLING  
SIZE OF PHILIPPINE NAVY (PN) WITH OLD BEST SERVICEABLE  
SHIPS. TYPES ARE COASTAL PATROL/FIRE SUPPORT SHIPS AND  
AMPHIBIOUS/LOGISTICS/SERVICE SHIPS. THE NAVY IS ALSO  
IMPROVING ITS CONSTRUCTION AND SERVICE CAPACITY.

B. CURRENT STATUS - THE ACQUISITION PROGRAM INCLUDES  
THE FOLLOWING:

(1) EX-VIETNAMESE/CAMBODIAN SHIPS - THE PN HAS ACCEPTED  
THE OFFER OF ALL 34 SHIPS AT SUBIC BAY. SHIPS RANGE IN  
SIZE FROM 300 DOWN TO 50 FEET. FOURTEEN WERE PURCHASED UNDER  
FMS AND THE BALANCE MAP REDISTRIBUTED. SO FAR THE PN  
HAS MOVED 25 OF THE SHIPS AND COMMISSIONED FIVE.

(2) EX-JAPANESE MARITIME SELF-DEFENSE FORCE (JMSDF)  
CRAFT - THE PN HAS ACCEPTED 33 MAP REDISTRIBUTED EX-JMSDF  
SHIPS RANGING IN SIZE FROM LST TO SMALL LANDING CRAFT  
AND IS NEGOTIATING THE PURCHASE OF 22 MORE.  
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